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SUBJ: COURTESY CALL ON PM PINDLING BY DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY SHELTON

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SALLY SHELTON, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, PAID A COURTESY CALL MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 6, ON PRIME MINISTER PINDLING. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND UPBEAT.

2. PINDLING OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY INQUIRING WHETHER THE US TEAM WOULD NEGOTIATE MARITIME ISSUES. SHELTON RESPONDED THAT THE TEAM WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS MARITIME QUESTIONS AND THE USG VIEW WAS THAT THESE WERE SEPARATE ISSUES TO BE NEGOTIATED DISCRETELY. PINDLING SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS EXPLANATION.

3. SHELTON THEN MENTIONED PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLEASURE AT THE PM'S SUGGESTIONS DURING THE BILATERAL IN SEPTEMBER THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON THE MILITARY FACILITIES. THE USG NEGOTIATING TEAM'S PRESENCE IN NASSAU REFLECTED THE USG'S DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE PM'S INTEREST IN RESUMING THESE TALKS. THE PM EXPRESSED-
ED HIS HOPE THAT THE TALKS COULD BE CONCLUDED THIS YEAR. SHELTON POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN THE GOOD WILL THAT EXISTS
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ON BOTH SIDES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, A TIMETABLE THE PM HAD SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR TODMAN DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS IN DECEMBER.

4. THE PM MENTIONED THE CONSIDERABLE SIZE OF THE DELE-
GATION. SHELTON POINTED OUT THAT, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF

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NEW USG OFFICIALS FROM THE SEVERAL BUREAUS AND AGENCIES INTERESTED IN THE FACILITIES QUESTIONS, SHE, AS CHAIR-PERSON OF THE DELEGATION, THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT FOR THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO HAVE AN ORIENTATION TOUR OF THE FACILITIES. THE GROUP HAD THEREFORE SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS FAMILIARIZING THEMSELVES WITH THE INSTALLATIONS.

5. THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED THE PERSONAL GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, WITH WHOM HE HAD JUST MET IN WASHINGTON. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS POSITIVE AND FRIENDLY. SCHWARTZ

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